



# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2024

Fremont Police Department

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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

I am pleased to present the Fremont Police Department's 2024 Annual Report, a comprehensive overview of our accomplishments, challenges, and continued commitment to the safety and well-being of our community.

Over the past year, we have made significant strides in key areas aligned with our mission to serve and protect Fremont with integrity, transparency, and respect. This report provides detailed data, community engagement efforts, and the outcomes of departmental initiatives.

Despite these achievements, we acknowledge challenges, such as recruitment and limitations to service when staff are sick or injured. We remain committed to addressing these issues with innovative strategies and collaborative efforts.

Looking forward, our focus will be on getting Fremont accredited with the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. We are confident these efforts will further enhance the quality of life for all Fremont residents.

We value the city council's guidance and support in enabling us to fulfill our mission effectively. I look forward to discussing its contents and addressing any questions or feedback you may have.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support in ensuring a safe and thriving community.

Sincerely,

**Timothy Rodwell**  
**Chief of Police**

# MISSION, VISION, VALUES

## Mission

To provide character and leadership to our community, to prevent and deter criminal behavior, to promote a safe, healthy and caring environment and to develop community relations and awareness toward local issues.

## Vision:

We embrace the lessons learned from the past, always cognizant of utilizing these lessons toward the development of an enriched future for our citizens. Ever mindful that justice is blind, we extend equality to all to solidify our position as a police department based first on service. Our professionalism will carry us through times of public scrutiny, and that professionalism will be the beacon that illuminates our path towards the objectives and ideals that we will constantly strive to achieve. To be the standard for which all may choose to follow, to provide assistance and direction to those in need, and above all to assure the guarantee that the rights of every one of our citizens to peaceful existence and a safe environment is absolutely inalienable. We remain determined to hold these principles as our vision to the future and to serve this city in the spirit of cooperation borne to all its people.

## Values:

Our officers are dedicated to protecting the excellent quality of life we enjoy in our community. We continually seek to enhance our public service role and place a premium on having well-trained and licensed officers in a number of facets of law enforcement to better serve you.

1. Public Trust
2. The rights of all people
3. Accountability to the Law
4. Courage and Selfless Honor
5. Personal and Organizational Integrity
6. Excellent Service
7. Respect for our community and one another
8. Our employees and their service to the community

## Fremont Police Department

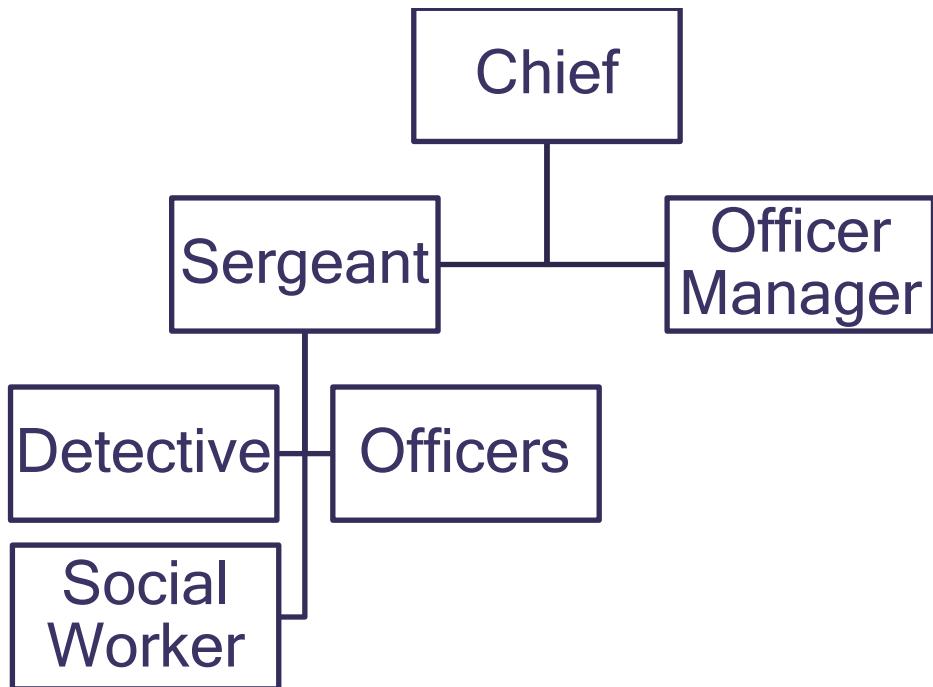
### 2024 Annual Report

The Fremont Police Department is committed to providing the best possible service for everyone who lives, works, or visits the Fremont community. Staff believe in a strong partnership with all community members to keep Fremont a safe and vibrant city.

Our department comprises nine full-time police officers, three part-time police officers, one office manager, and three crossing guards. We offer 24/7 police coverage to the city every day of the year.

The police department handles requests for police services involving criminal law investigations, civil disputes, safety through traffic enforcement, and ordinance violations and generally assists the public as needed.

#### Police Department Chain of Command



# BUDGET

## Current Budget for FY 24/25

Dept: 301.000 POLICE DEPARTMENT	800,239	835,500	813,662	845,000	
702.000 Salaries	56,527	61,200	57,824	64,645	
715.000 Social Security Taxes	171,373	176,000	172,732	183,000	
716.000 Health & Accident Insurance	198,888	205,000	200,787	212,000	
718.000 Retirement Benefits - DB	9,857	9,200	21,614	21,000	
718.001 Retirement Benefits - DC	9,920	9,700	7,987	11,000	
719.000 Worker's Compensation Insurance	1,704	2,500	2,273	2,500	
726.000 Office Supplies	50,192	58,800	54,336	106,590	18
740.000 Supplies & Materials	2,513	8,000	2,672	2,600	
801.000 Professional & Contractual Services	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	
832.000 General Liability Insurance	10,642	9,500	9,944	9,750	
850.000 Communications	493	700	115	250	
860.000 Transportation & Organizational Dues	32,198	35,000	33,304	33,500	19
880.000 Community Promotions	313	500	1,017	750	
880.002 Pistol Team/Reserves/Honor Program	0	500	0	500	
900.000 Printing & Publishing	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	
920.000 Utilities (1/3 of Admin Bldg)	2,566	1,300	1,323	1,500	
930.000 Repairs & Maintenance	64,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	81
940.000 Equipment Rental	4,769	3,275	2,995	3,275	20
955.000 Miscellaneous (Includes Training)	900	900	523	900	
<b>Total POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>1,439,594</b>	<b>1,530,075</b>	<b>1,495,608</b>	<b>1,611,260</b>	

## Statement of Efficiency and comportment of budget

- The Police Department adheres to budgeting approved by the City Council.
  - A budgeted 800 MHZ radio project will allow FPD to use encrypted radio channels, which the Newaygo County Central Dispatch will adopt within 12 months.
  - FPD leverages the MiDeal State of Michigan purchasing program for all capital projects.
  - FPD participates in yearly purchasing contracts to spread out fiscal impact, when possible, for large or expensive projects.
- FPD is leveraging partnerships as much as possible when researching cost-mitigating efforts.

# POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE.

Calls for Service	Occurred in 2024
911 Hangup calls	11
Abandoned Vehicles	12
Alarms	112
Animal Complaints	56
Area Checks	5
Assaults	33
General Assists	93
Attempt to Locate Person	23
Breaking and Entering Structure	11
Be On the Look Out (BOLO)	5
Bomb Threat	0
Car Deer Crashes	12
Child Abuse	12
Civil Complaints	56
Criminal Investigations (Multiple Crime Factor)	60
Court Appearances, Trials/Hearings	48
Criminal Sexual Conduct	11
Child Custody Disputes	4
Nuisance Deer	5
Detail Assignments	123
Disturbance	22
Disorderly Person	11
Wildlife (Not Deer) complaint	1
Dead Person	1
Dog Complaints	12
Domestic Violence Complaints	35
Drugs, Illicit	32
Illegal Dumping	8
Indecent Exposure	0
False Alarms, Called off before arrival	1
Follow-Up Criminal Investigations	450

Found Property Complaints	34
Fraud Complaints	107
Fire Works	5
Harassment Complaints	26
Hit and Run Motor Vehicle	29
Illegal Burning	1
Information Notifications	19
Interviews	31
Juvenile Complaints	89
Larceny (Theft)	77
Vehicle lockouts	183
Lost Property	10
Motorist Assists	56
Marine/Watercraft Complaints	1
Malicious Destruction of Property	27
Medical Class One Assists	8
Medical Class Two Assists	11
Medical Class Three Assists	10
Meetings	44
Mental Illness Intervention	5
Unclassified Call for Service	67
Missing Person	8
Neighbor Dispute	9
Noise Complaints	13
Overdose Drugs	5
Ordinance Complaints	88
ORV Complaints	0
Drunk Driver Reported Complaints	4
Preliminary Breath Test	7
Vehicle Property Damage Crashes	119
Keeping the Peace	5

Vehicle Personal Injury Crashes	11
Personal Protection Order Complaints	10
Public Relation Activities	83
Property Checks	535
Subpoena Service	58
Prisoner Pickup	82
Runaway Juvenile	6
Reckless Driver Complaints	76
Shots Fired Complaints	4
Smoke Source Investigations	1
Suspicious Situations	157
Suicidal Subjects	19
Suspicious Vehicles	92
Threat Complaints	30
Traffic Hazard	47
Training	35
Trespassing	8
Truancy	48
Traffic Stops	1384
UDAA/Stolen Vehicle	2
Unwanted Person	23
Vehicle Maintenance	940
VIN Checks	39
Well-Being Checks	135
Wire Down	3
<b>Total Calls for Service</b>	<b>6335</b>

# INVESTIGATIONS/CASES

Crime	# of incidents
Accident, Failure to Report after crash	1
Accident, Failure to Report with injury	1
Accident, Private Property, Fail to Report	8
Aggravated Felonious Assault	1
Aggravated Stalking	1
Animal Complaint	4
Assault and Battery	13
Assault and Battery w/Damage to Property	2
Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Inj.	0
Attempt Interfering with Phone Call	2
Breaking and Entering Vehicle >\$200	1
Illegal Entry	1
Home Invasion	0
Carrying Concealed Weapon, possess Meth	2
Child Abuse	9
Civil/Landlord Tenant	19
Civil/Family Trouble	37
Computers used to commit crime	2
Computer used for harassment	0
Contributing to Delinquency of Minor	0
Contributing to Delinquency with runaway	2
Controlled Substance/Meth	34
Controlled Substance/Meth, License Violation	5
Criminal Sexual Conduct 4 <sup>th</sup>	2
Criminal Sexual Conduct 1 <sup>st</sup>	1
Criminal Sexual Conduct 2	1
Damage to Property	4
Dangerous Drugs, Multiple Types	19
Dangerous Weapon with unlawful intent	2

Deceased Person`	2
Defrauding Hotels/Restaurants/Innkeepers	0
Disorderly Person	4
Dog Law Violations	1
Domestic Violence	15
Driving While License Suspended/Meth	1
Driving While License Suspended/Crash	2
Driving While License Denied Revoked	29
Driving While License Suspended/Larceny	3
Embezzlement	3
Fail to Stop after Crash	2
Arrest for Failing to Appear in Court	14
Family Abuse/Neglect	2
Felonious Assault	4
Felony Firearms, Operating an unregistered	6
Illegal use of Financial Transaction Device	7
Fraud, Identity Theft	6
Assist another agency, criminal event	74
Minor in Possess, Marijuana	2
Health and Safety	3
Misdemeanor Traffic	36
Incorrigible Juvenile	9
Indecent Exposure/Disorderly	4
Intimidation	8
Juvenile Statutory Offenses	35
Juvenile Runaway	3
Juvenile Truancy	11
Larcenies	21
Lost/Found Property	28
Manslaughter	0
Distributing Marijuana	0
Malicious Damage to Property	23
Minor in Possession	23

Missing Person	4
Motor Vehicle VIN, School Board Inspect.	17
Natural Death	3
Neglect of Child	1
Non-Aggravated Assault	15
Obstruct Justice	86
Obstruct Justice/Meth Possession	15
Obstruct Justice/Assault	14
Obstruct Court Proceeding	3
Open Intoxicants in Motor Vehicles	7
Drunk Driving	34
Outdoor/Junk Violation/Ordinance Violation	16
Overdose Complaint	1
Parental Kidnapping	1
Parole Violation	5
Property Damage/Personal Injury Crash	124
Receiving and Concealing Stolen Property	4
Reckless Driving	2
Resist and Obstruct Police Officer	22
Retail Fraud (Shop Lifting)	97
Sexual Contact, Forcible	1
Sexual Penetration	1
Stalking	2
Suicide	3
Suspicious Situations	108
Tampering Phone Line	2
Threatening to commit violence with a firearm or explosive against the school	1
Tobacco use, minor	22
Trespassing	7
Undetermined Fire	2
Unlawful Driving away from a vehicle	1
<b>Total Investigations</b>	<b>1130</b>

# NUISANCE ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT

## Violations of the City Ordinance

- The City of Fremont has an Ordinance Officer.
  - A clerk at city hall was designated as an Ordinance Officer to resolve violations before issuing a citation.
  - This has been a success as community residents have vastly resolved the situation before the police department had to issue a citation.
  - Violations of the Uniform Traffic Code and Motor Vehicle Code are not discussed in this section.
- Violations
  - Weed/Grass violations:
    - 15 Complaints of tall grass, noxious weeds
      - The property owner resolved all.
  - Leaf Violations:
    - 19 Complaints
    - All resolved by the owner or will be resolved by the owner.
  - Brush Violations:
    - 15 Complaints
    - All resolved by the owner.
  - Junk Violations
    - 24 Complaints
    - 4 were turned over to the department for citations after the owner would not/could not resolve the complaint.
  - Other/Zoning Violations
    - 18 Complaints
      - 2 were turned over to the department for citations.

# SAFETY/EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

**Our department assists with a variety of programs.**

- Active Assailant Hostile Event Response (ASHER)
  - This program is taught at schools, businesses, and places of worship.
  - This program allows participants to respond most effectively during an active shooter situation.
- Prescription Drug Disposal
  - The department has a bin installed in the front office, allowing community members to dispose of unwanted prescription medications.
  - The medications are eventually incinerated in the Grand Rapids area to prevent them from entering landfills, being diverted to individuals not prescribed, and out of our water system.
- Unwanted/Malfunctioning Weapon Disposal
  - The department disposes of firearms and ammunition from community members.
  - These weapons are often in such poor condition that the firearm would injure the person operating the firearm.
- Motor Vehicle Salvage and Safety Inspection
  - The department inspects salvaged titled vehicles before being authorized by the Secretary of State to operate on public roadways.
    - Some items checked during inspection include brakes, lights, and a comprehensive inspection to see if parts were listed as stolen.
- Medical First Responder
  - The department has three officers trained as medical first responders, with a fourth currently in training.

# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

**Officers often assist the community with special events.**

- Shop with a Cop
  - This program is a significant event held at Walmart where nominated families in need receive donated funds to purchase Christmas gifts.
- Shop with a Hero
  - This program is an event held at Meijer where students from the NCRESA special education program purchase Christmas gifts.
- Harvest Parade
  - Staff and Reserve Officers assist with parade route security, facilitating the parade.
- Memorial Day Parade
  - Staff and Reserve Officers assist with parade route security, facilitating the parade.
- Special Patrol during 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks
  - Staff perform extra patrols on foot in areas where crowds gather in public spaces.
- Christmas Parade
  - Staff and Reserve Officers assist with parade route security, facilitating the parade.
- National Baby Food Festival
  - Staff and Reserve Officers conduct foot patrols and respond to complaints from people attending the festival.
- Newaygo County Fair
  - Staff and Reserve Officers conduct foot patrols. This allows them to speak with patrons and vendors and assist in making this a safe event.

# DETECTIVE POSITION

This position was created in 2019 to facilitate major case investigations and liaison with the Newaygo County Prosecutor's Office. Since its inception, it has proven to be a vital part of our team. During 2024, FPD had personnel out on sick leave, and having the detective able to cover shifts was vital to mitigate overtime.

Some accomplishments include:

- Resolution of Major Crime Investigations
  - Multiple felony domestic violence cases.
  - Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) against a minor resolved.
- There were approximately a dozen forensic child advocacy center interviews.
- Multiple CSC cases submitted for prosecutor review.
- Examples of cases our detective handles include:
  - Violence, aggravated assault, felonious assault, and domestic violence.
  - Sexual assault, including the screening of child abuse and neglect.
  - Complex financial crimes, including embezzlement, fraud, and forgery.
  - Breaking vehicles and homes and theft cases.
  - Drug offenses. Methamphetamine possession and possession with intent to deliver.

Most cases our detective handles require hours of work to resolve successfully. These cases require multiple interviews, thorough report writing, and the skill to gather information from various sources. Our cases increasingly involve social media, cellular phones, and other electronic devices. A dedicated officer handling these matters must produce a thorough and complete work product. Our cases not only hold people accountable for their actions, but they also exonerate the innocent. Thank you for supporting this position.

# SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

In 2022, we were approved to have an officer work at the Fremont Public Schools. Some of the accomplishments include:

- Established a school safety committee and “Crisis Coordinator” for planning and training with district representation.
- Developed a district-wide emergency plan to consider an all-hazard response to identified threats.
- Developed and published class procedures for staff with standard nomenclature.
- Developed Incident Command System critical response plans for emergency services.
- Developed training for medical response teams in each school.
- Assisted each school building on yearly five fire, two tornado, and three lockdown drills.
- Implemented a district-wide reunification plan with cross-trained (inter-building) staff.
- Conducted Incident Action Plan training and “Run/Hide/Fight” training for staff.
- Directs threat assessment protocol teams when evaluating homicidal/suicidal students.
  - During 2024, 23 threat assessments were performed.
- Instituted mentorship programs for children with a nexus to mental health disorders that are appropriate to the age and development of the child.
- In 2024, this position handled 145 investigations and over 478 Calls for Service as a school resource officer.

As Chief, I look for various benefits when we design our program. Our program is working towards the following:

- Prevention or minimization of property damage in the school and surrounding area.
- Prevention of student injuries and even death due to violence, drug overdoses, etc.
- Reduction of the need for schools to call 911.
- Reduction of the likelihood that student will get a criminal record.
- Increase the likelihood that students will get help from social services.
- Increase the feeling of safety among students and staff.

# ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

This position is often the first contact with community members needing help. We field thousands of calls from Fremont and the surrounding townships each year. Many township residents first attempt to file their criminal complaints with us before we route them to another appropriate agency. Below are some of the tasks completed by our office manager.

- Record Retention Compliance
- Records Management, paper to digital program
- Interoffice Mail
- Outgoing Mail
- Michigan State Police Laboratory Report distribution
- State of Michigan agencies request reports.
- Manage office supplies.
- Enter traffic citations into record management
- Process UD-10 Crash report requests
- Record Checks for background
- Payroll
- Freedom of Information Act Requests
- Subpoena, court appearance coordination
- Gun Permit Processing
- Michigan Information Crime Reports
- Front office reception
- Background fingerprinting for schools, businesses, and social services.
- Sex Offender Registry Processing
- Federal Monthly Reporting
- Body Worn Camera redaction and release.
- Process video requests for outside entities
- Processing reports for prosecutor submission

# POLICE SOCIAL WORKER

The Fremont Police teamed up with the Newaygo Police Department and Arbor Circle to participate in a Michigan Endowment Fund project that provided a licensed master's level social worker until the end of 2024. Starting in 2025, this position will be funded by a State of Michigan Grant through the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards. This position has been a tremendous service opportunity for the community.

Some of the tasks provided by our social worker include:

- Providing intervention services to community members
  - For families experiencing:
    - Divorce/Family Conflict
    - Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault
    - Suicide Risk/Grief Support
    - Parent/Child Stress
    - Mental Health Concerns
    - Substance Use
    - Financial Crisis
    - Homelessness
    - Child Protective Assistance

We have had **46 cases referred from Sept to Dec 2024** to the PSW program! Totaling **122 cases** since beginning the time at FPD in December of 2023.

From December 2023-September 2024 PSW Klomp was in person at FPD one day per week. Starting in September 2024, PSW Klomp increased time at FPD to two full days per week and sharing one half day with NPD. The half day is used to attend board meetings, coalition meetings, and other events as necessary.

The PSW program represents FPD on several boards throughout the county, including but not limited to the following:

- Face Addiction Now Newaygo County Chapter- Vice President - Monthly Board Meetings (12)
- FAN Forums- 10 Forums with Community Education Opportunities
- Newaygo County Human Trafficking Task Force Member- Bimonthly meetings (6)
  - NCHTTF Resource Committee Chair- Monthly meetings (12)
  - NCHTTF Trainer/Presenter- 5 presentations (True North Staff, Ferris State University, Central Michigan University, Hesperia Public Schools All Staff, DHHS All Staff)
- Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force
- Headway Prevention Coalition- 12 meetings + CADCA Conference
- Marijuana Action Committee Chair (Established 2024- Meetings beginning 2025)
- Ferris State University Social Work Department Advisory Committee- semi-annual meetings (2)

The PSW has assisted in several community and county wide events during 2024. These events have reached well over **17,000 people in total**. The Christmas events alone in 2024 total over **2,200 children**. These events include, but are not limited to the following:

- Great Start Collaborative Halloween Event- 300 total children and families
- Shop With A Hero- 47 Students
- Shop With A Cop- 140 Children
- True North Children's Christmas Program- 2,000+ Children
- Newaygo County Gus Macker- 13,000 participants
- Newaygo County Kids Day- Approximately 500 participants
- Community Carseat Checks- 3 Families

Other training and opportunities that PSW Klomp has been involved with and represented FPD on include, but are not limited to the following:

- National Police Social Work Conference- May 2024
- CADCA National Conference- July 2024
- CIT International Conference- August 2024

- MPH Logistics- Substance Use Training for all of the supervisors and administration
- COA- Safety presentations on scam awareness geriatric population

PSW Klomp has been requested to support approximately **15 Police Agencies** in starting up their PSW programs